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Dear Interested Party:

Thank you for participating in the Department's first Solid and Hazardous Waste Program Transformation/Modernization meeting on November 14, 2011. We covered a wide scope of issues at that meeting: stagnant recycling rates, facility siting challenges, solid waste market issues, obstacles to implementation of new solid waste technology, flow control, and other issues. The Department values your input and comments received thus far. Now we need to delve deeper into several subjects and I request your participation.

Based on input received at the November meeting, we are forming 4 workgroups to address the issues identified below:

Solid & Hazardous Waste Program Stakeholder Workgroups

WORKGROUP	ISSUES
Recycling & Waste Minimization	<ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Enhancing recycling in commercial sector & institutions.2. Enhancing recycling of food waste.3. Enforcement of recycling.4. Waste source reduction.
SW Market & Planning Issues	<ol style="list-style-type: none">1. New technologies.2. Flow control.3. County planning & siting criteria.4. Addressing environmentally overburdened communities.5. Regionalizing collection.6. Solid waste debt.
NJDEP Solid & Hazardous Waste Program Business Practices	<ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Improving, streamlining, and modernizing permitting of solid waste facilities.2. Beneficial use determinations.
Special Issues	<ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Definitions of "solid waste" & "clean fill".2. Facilitating closure of legacy landfills.3. Enhancing compliance.

These topics are not exhaustive to what the workgroups may evaluate, but this list is intended to provide an initial focus based on Departmental needs and issues raised at the November 14th meeting.

Each workgroup will be chaired by the Department, and will be composed of interested parties as well as representatives of the Department.

Please identify one or more of the workgroups that you would be interested in participating in. The Department will also extend this invitation to other stakeholders to ensure that those with specific expertise can participate. Additionally, the Department will work to ensure that there is a balance of all interests groups in each workgroup. Please contact my colleague Bryan Ianni of NJDEP at either 609-292-2795 or bryan.ianni@dep.state.nj.us by January 24, 2012 with your selection of workgroups that you would like to participate in.

I would like to form these workgroups in February 2012. Workgroups will be meeting at least once a month between February and May 2012. It is my expectation that each of the workgroups will generate a 'white paper' by May 31, 2012, summarizing their evaluations and recommendations. Meeting minutes, summaries, PowerPoint presentations, as well as all meeting materials will be posted on the Department's transformation web pages after each workgroup meeting.

I also anticipate hosting one or more additional larger stakeholder meetings, similar to our November 14 meeting, to ensure a continuous dialogue of the subject matter for all stakeholders.

Thank you again for your participation in this important task of modernizing the Department's Solid & Hazardous Waste Program. Please do not hesitate to contact me or Bryan Ianni with questions. I look forward to seeing you in 2012.

Sincerely,

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